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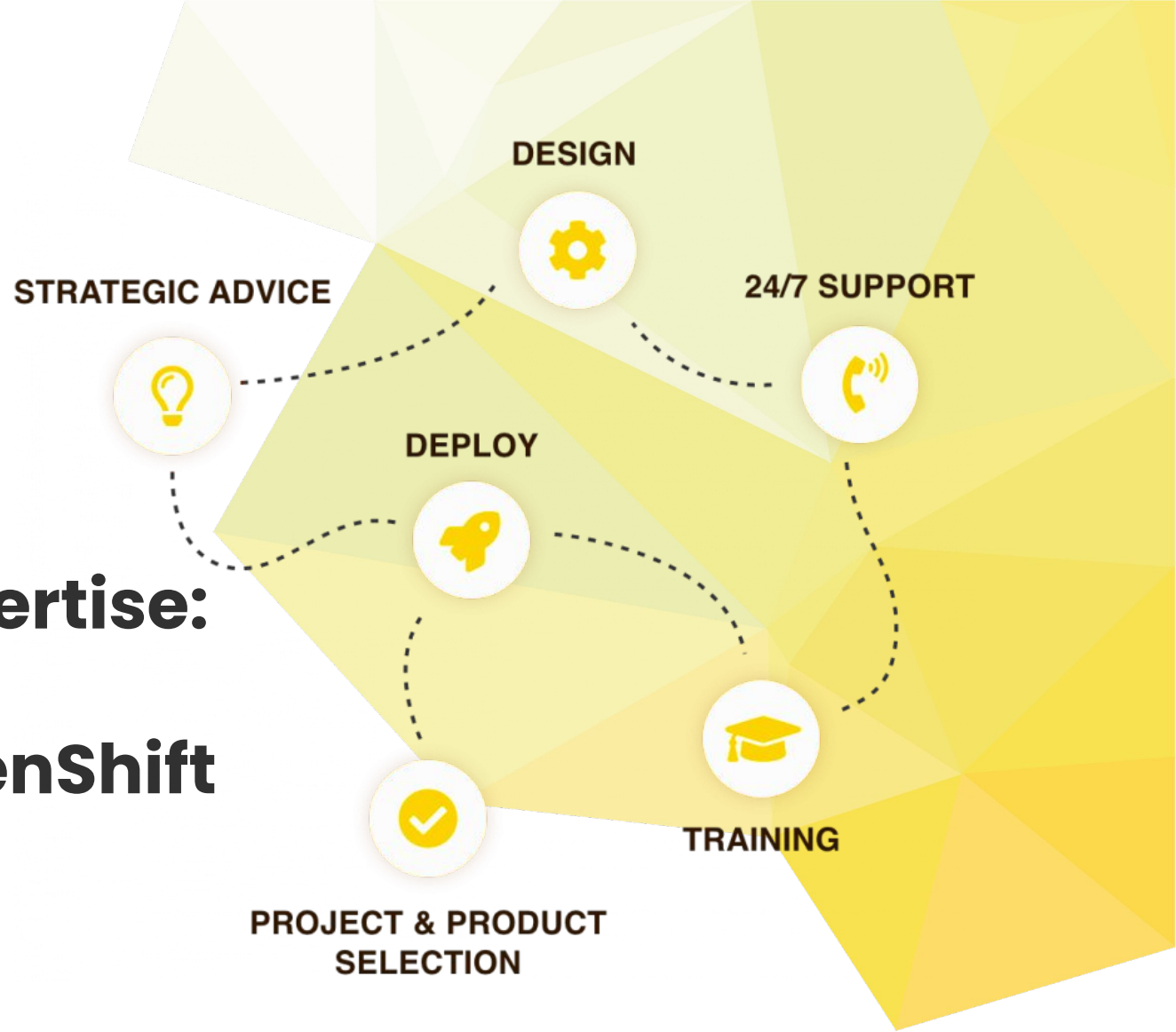

Meeting Urgency with Expertise: Optimizing 3d party Vendor Containers for OpenShift

Setting the stage

Openshift

Orchestration of containers on top of k8s

Yes...

but how did we get there

and why is that important?

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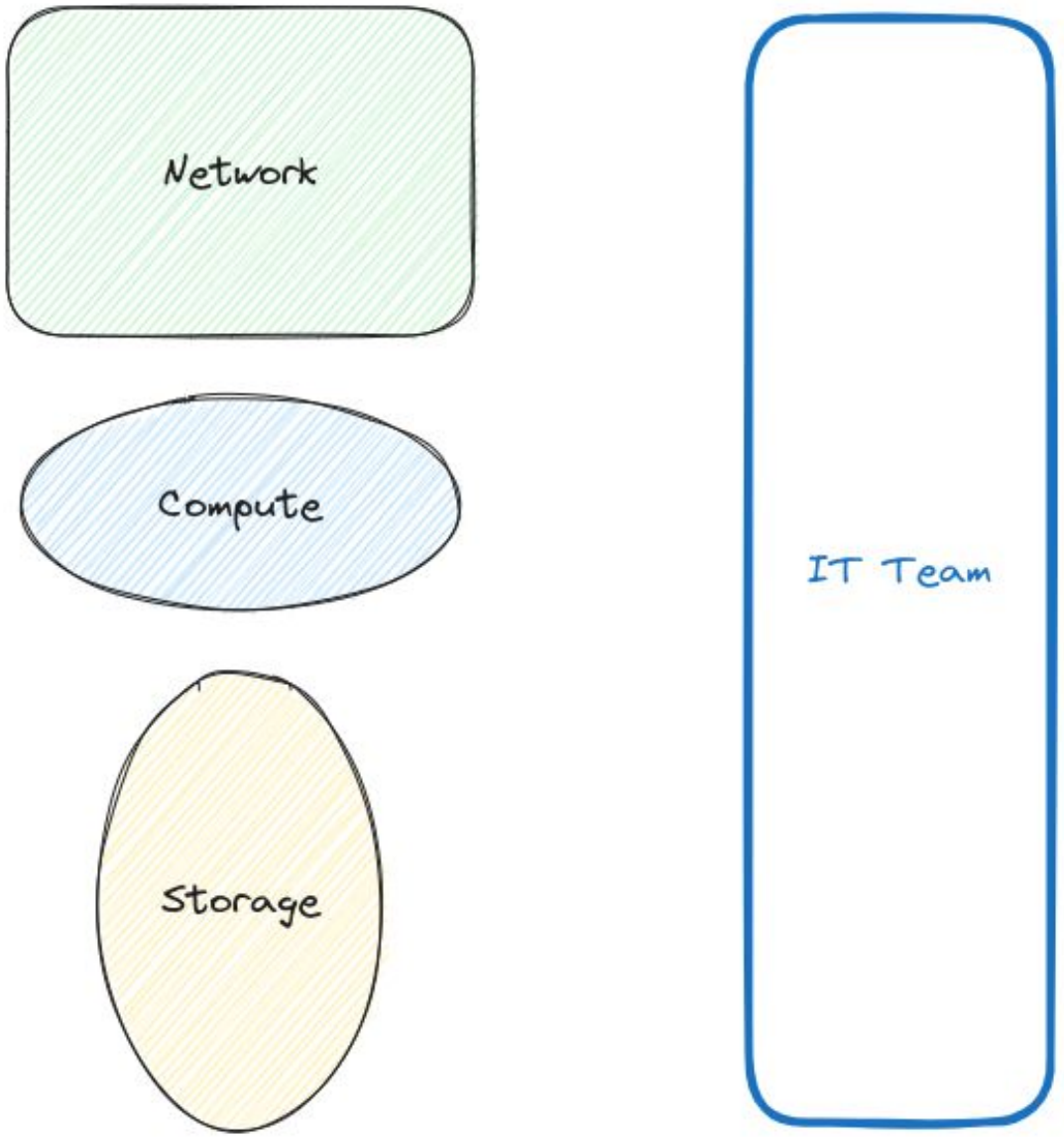
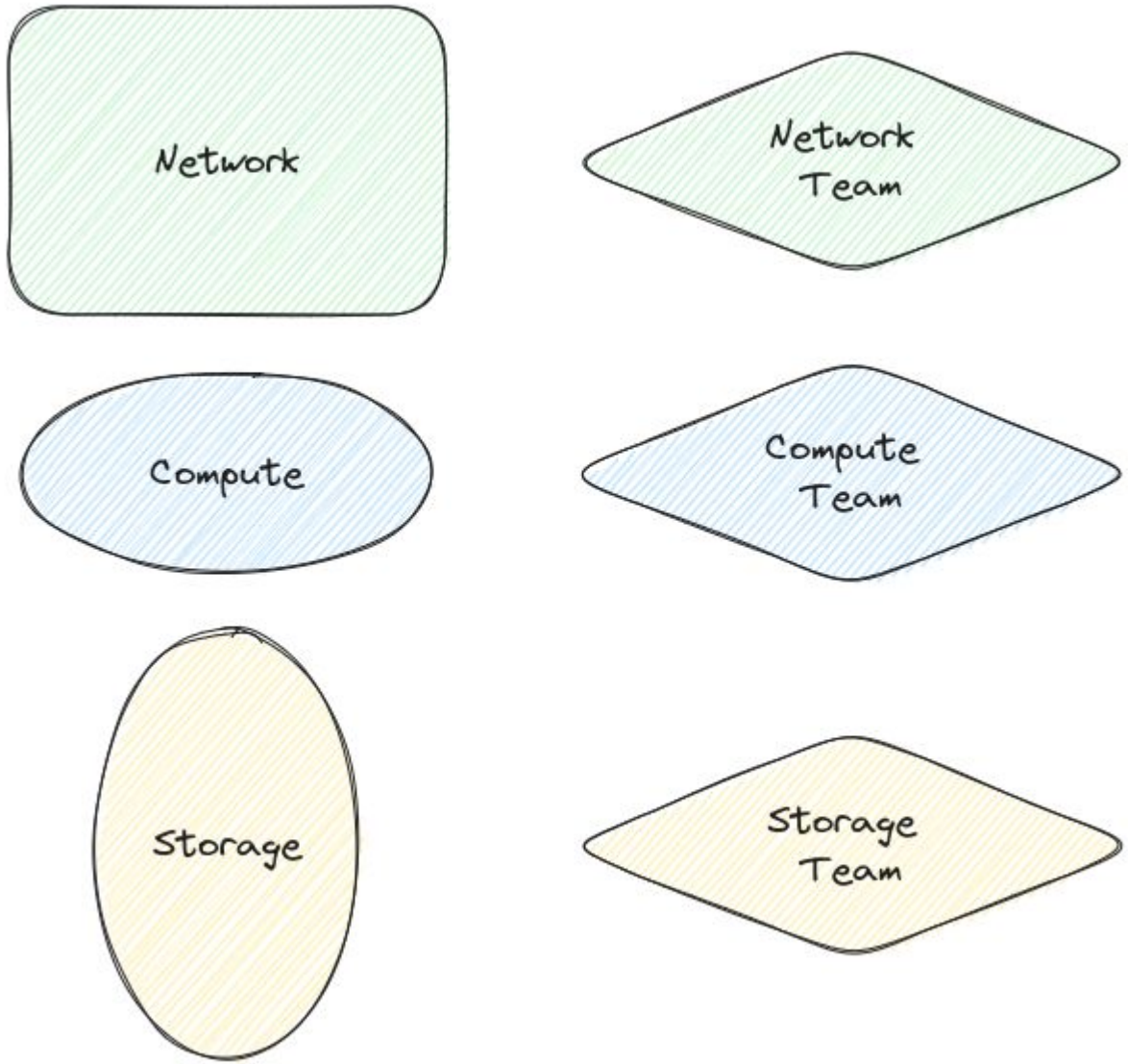
How it began

Basic enterprise setup



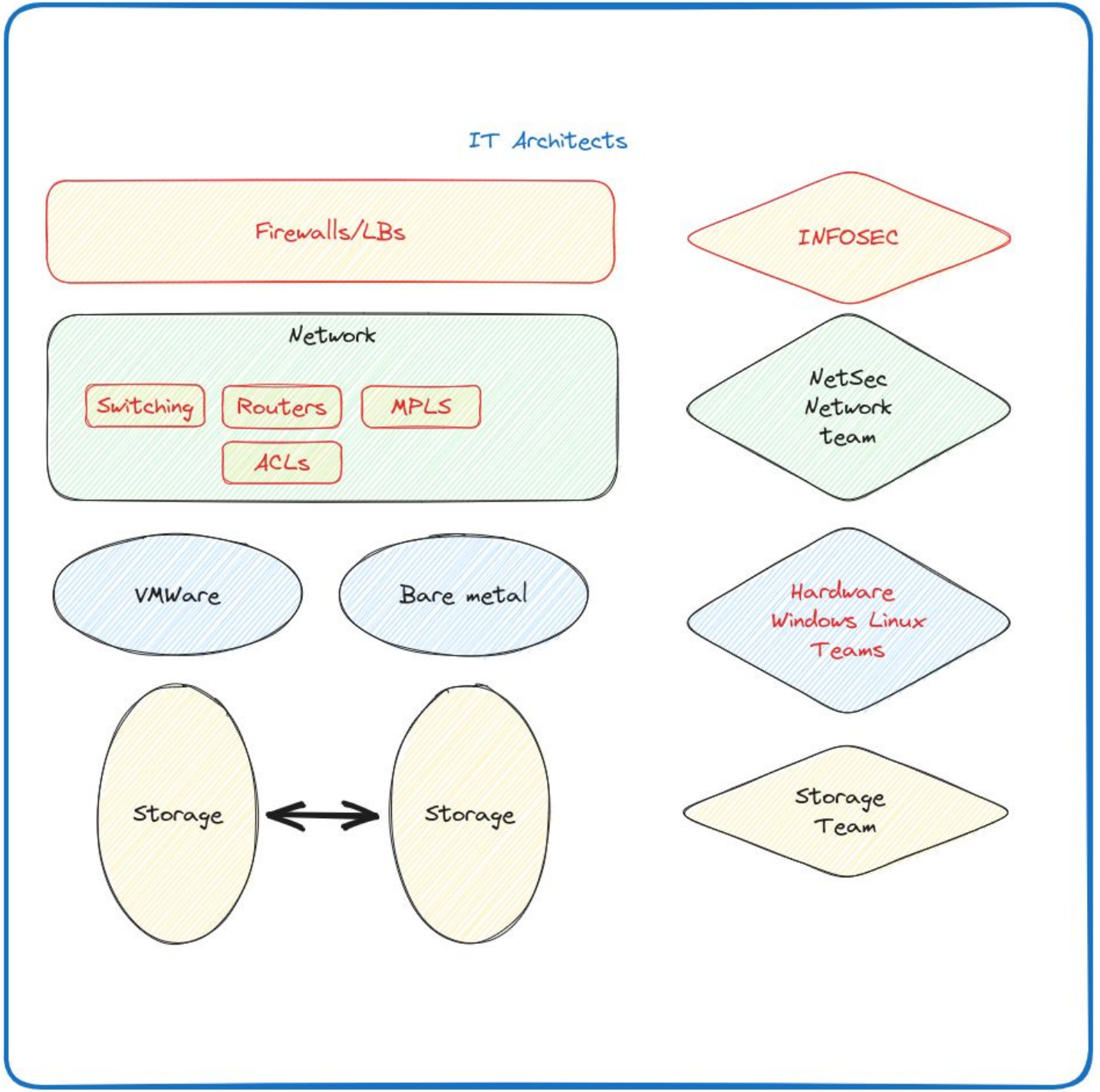
How it grew



Separated responsibilities
New competence centers

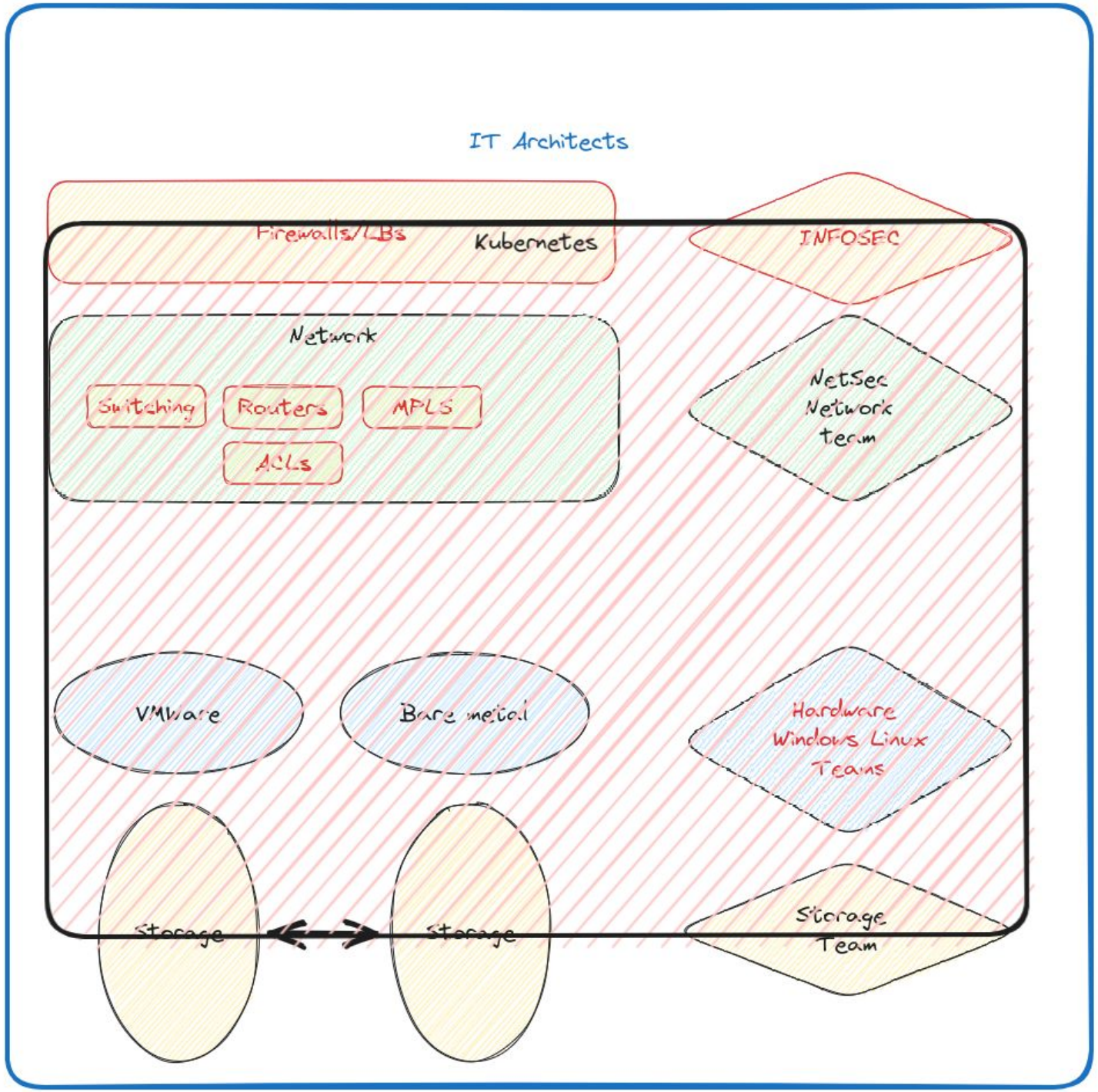
Where we are

Looks familiar?
6-9 competences



Enter Kubernetes

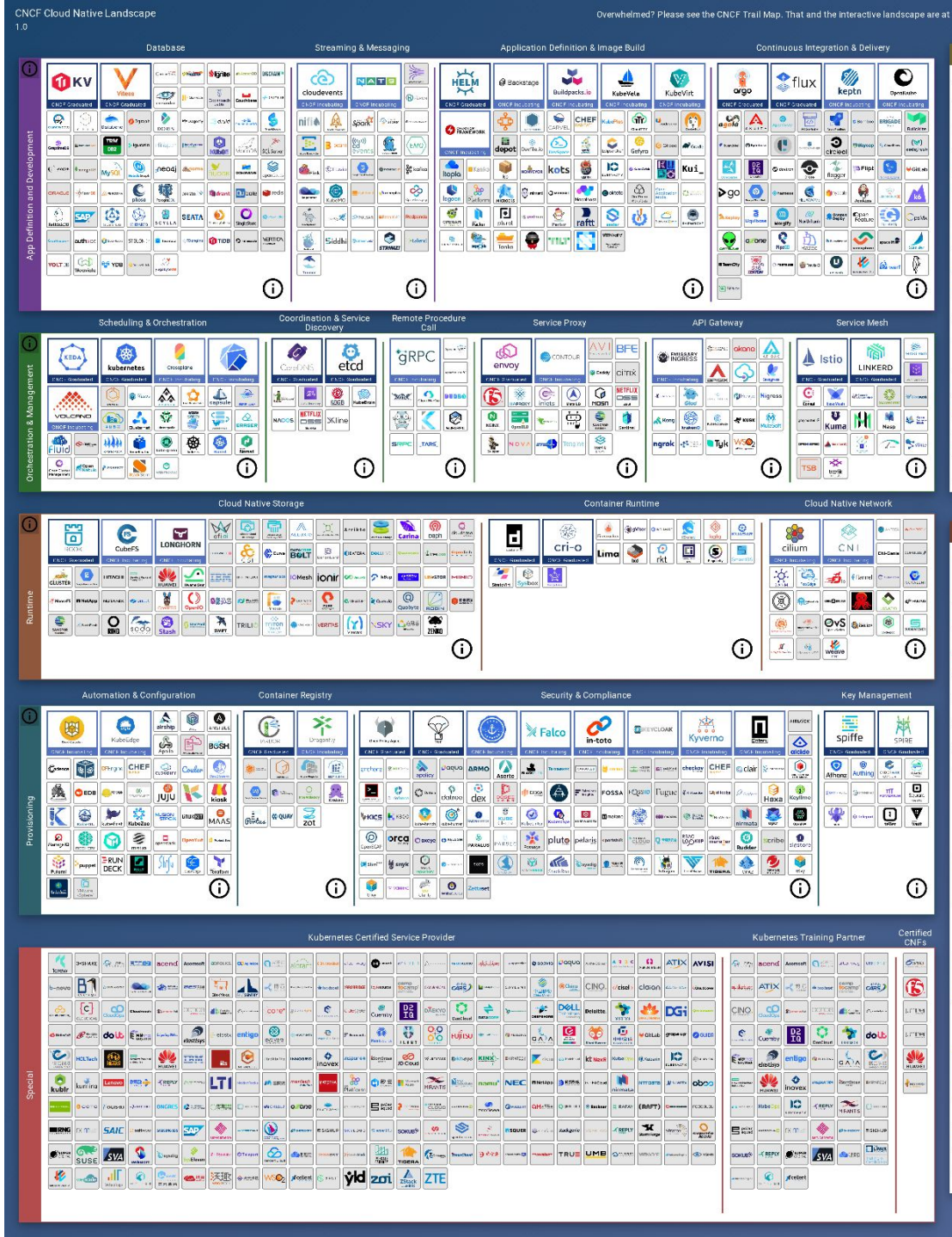
Enter K8s team



Good Luck

Kubernetes Landscape

1245 options...



Openshift, Kubernetes made easier

Chose wisely(!/?)

Red Hat chose and provides,
it's up to you whether you safely diverge...

Choose your poison:

- Installer provisioned nodes
- User provisioned nodes

Upgrade with confidence

- Click (or press enter :)) and forget
- Sanity checking prior (and continuously) during operations

Install components (Operators)

- Red Hat provided
- Vendor provided
- Make your own,...

Give a person a container, and you keep him busy for a day.

Give a person Kubernetes and you keep him busy for a lifetime.

- Kelsey Hightower

The advantage of native k8s over Openshift is you get to troubleshoot more!

- Jochen Maes

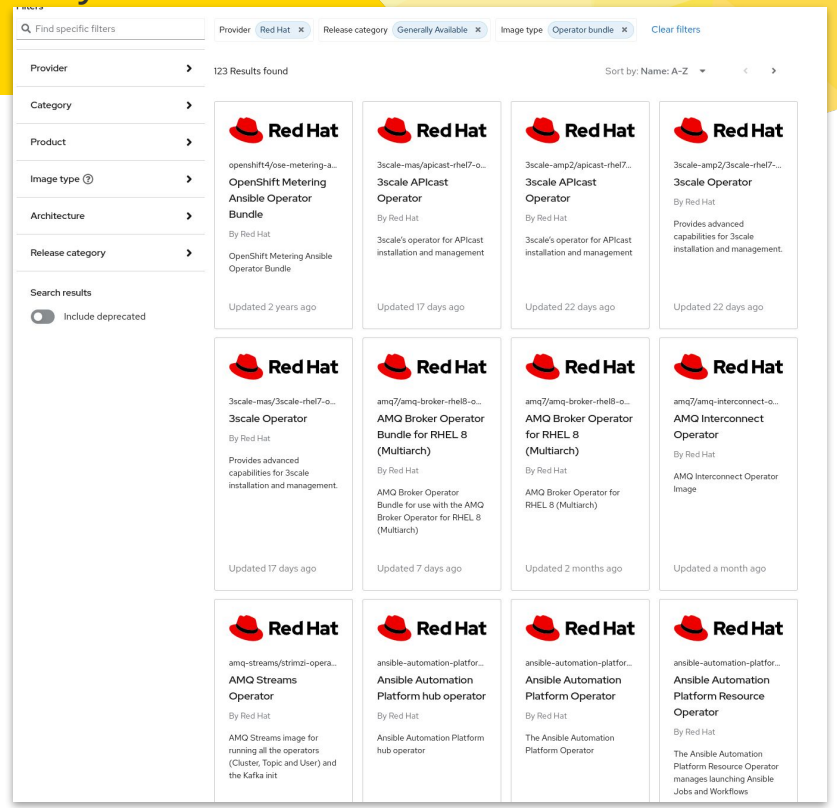
Opinionated but not limited…

Red Hat Operators

Chosen, implemented & certified by Red Hat

123 Red Hat provided operators

- ◇ Pick and choose, no exceptions
- ◇ Full landscape scope
- ◇ Trust the process and provider
- ◇ Simple to setup and maintain
- ◇ Choose from other providers if applicable.



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Journey to k8s/cloud native

Good luck?

In depth knowledge is often not available at **customers** and **vendors**

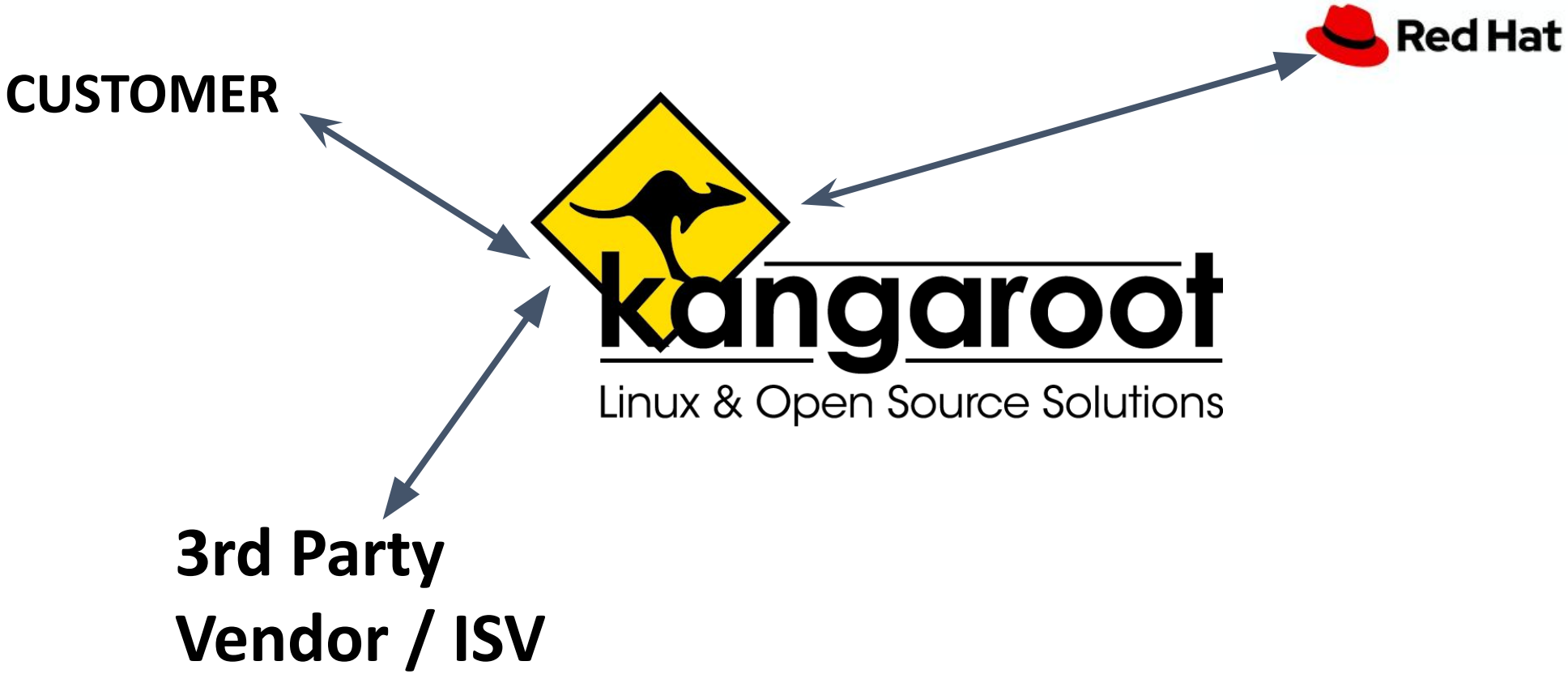
- Lift and shift pitfalls
- More low level knowledge of the stack is required
- Reshape the developers box

Why partners → experience, in-depth knowledge...

How we help customers

- Experience in different use cases and environments
- We know the partner landscape
- We can connect various Open Source projects
- And we work together with various 3rd party vendors/ISVs

Connect the stakeholders



How we help

- Design & Implement
- Instruct the 3rd party Vendor/ISV on best practices

- 24/7 Support available
- Managed environments : ramp up your own team
- Bring experience to the table

Common application pitfalls

Lift & shift

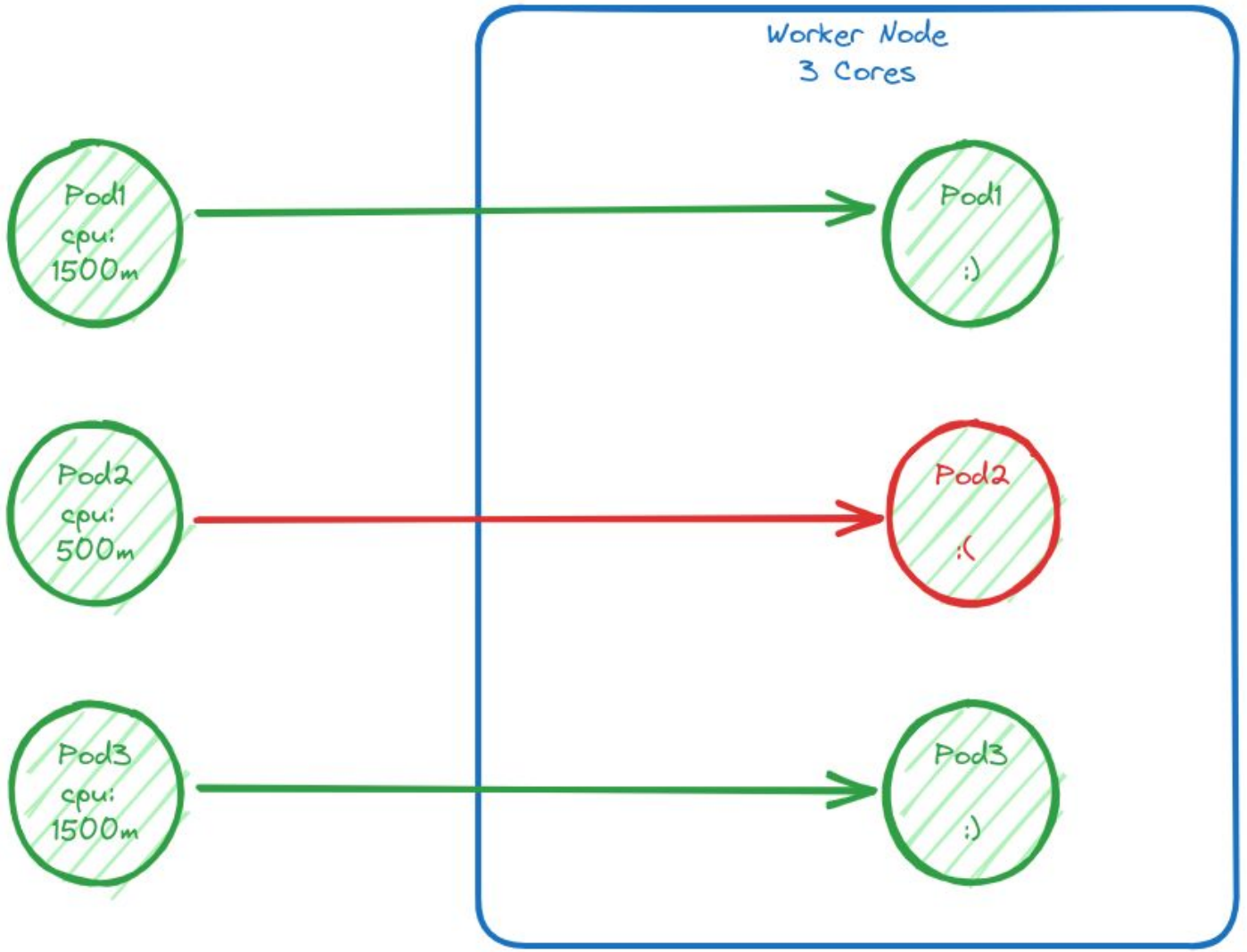
- STDOUT, stop using logfiles
- Don't implement your own Loadbalancer/Reverse proxy, if possible.
- Understand the usage of your application

  (maxHeapSize != mem requirements, use UseCGroupMemoryLimitForHeap)
- Don't persists state!
- Think of disconnected installs!

Example: CPU Requests

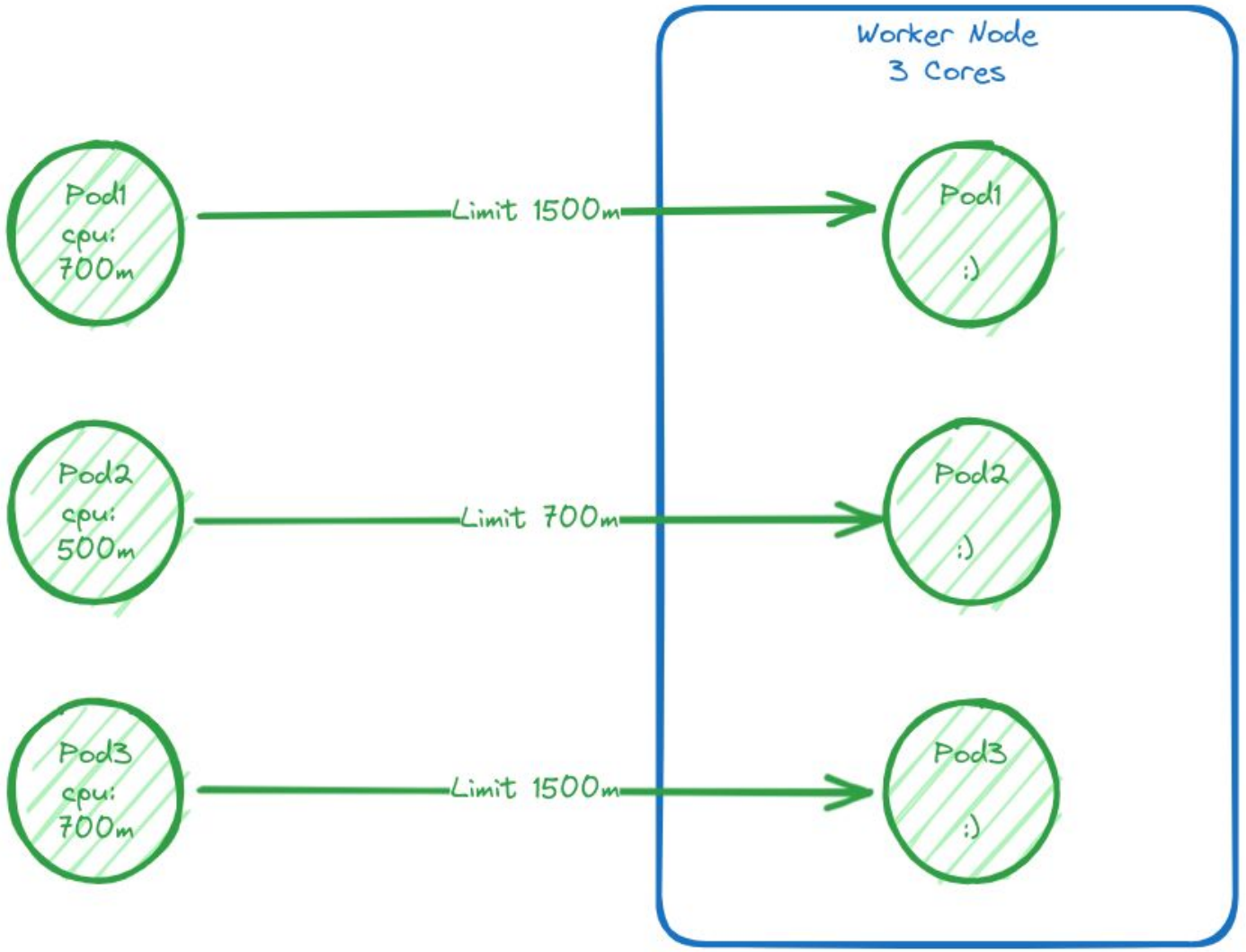
Don't overcommit!

Your service start burst is not your MEAN!



Example: CPU Requests

Use limits but:
don't set limits without request!

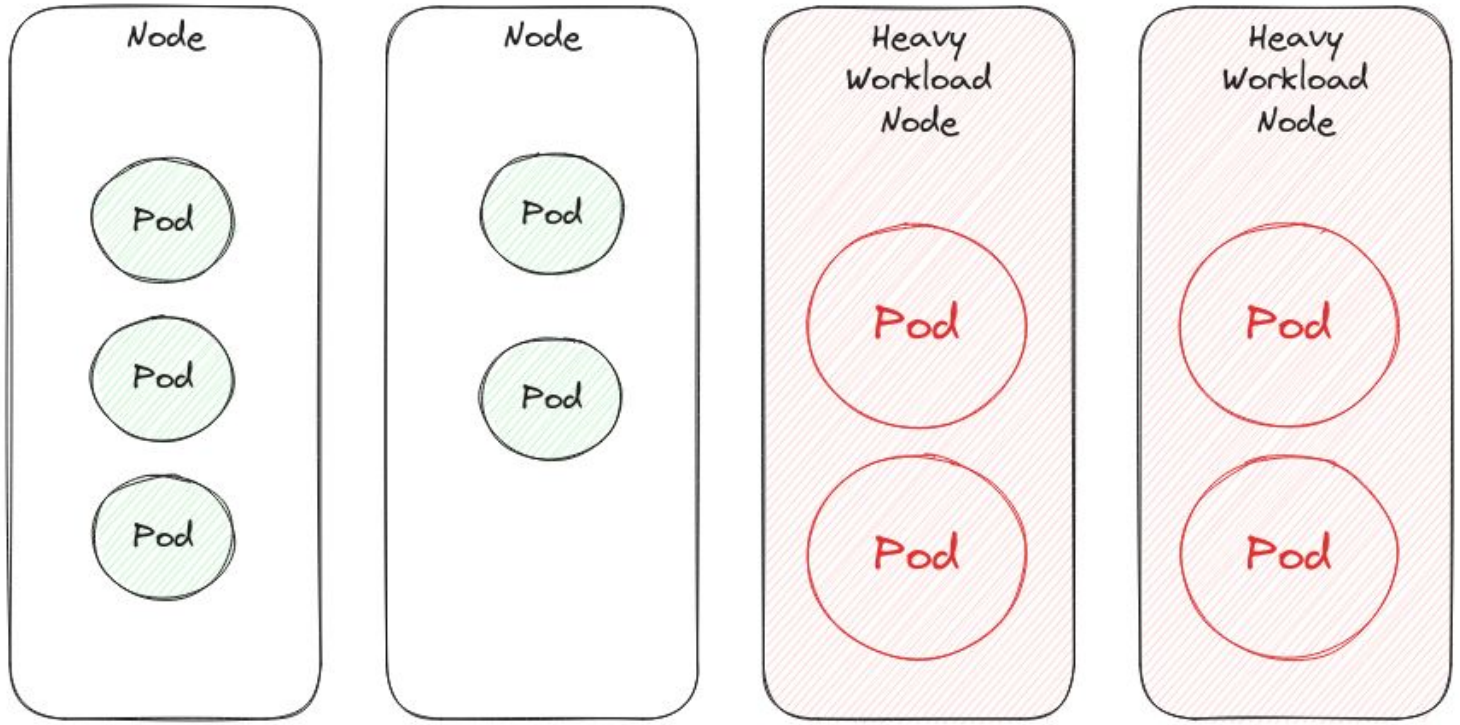


Example: CPU Requests

Some services shouldn't have limits!

Setup dedicated nodes.

Use node labels to assign.



But they still have requests.

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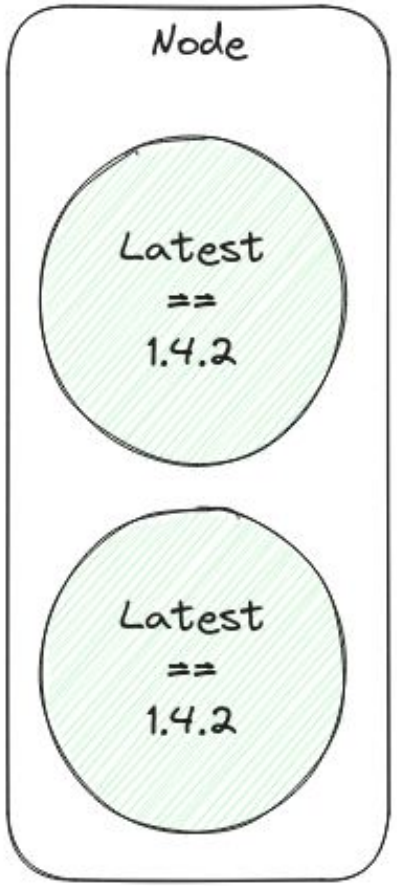

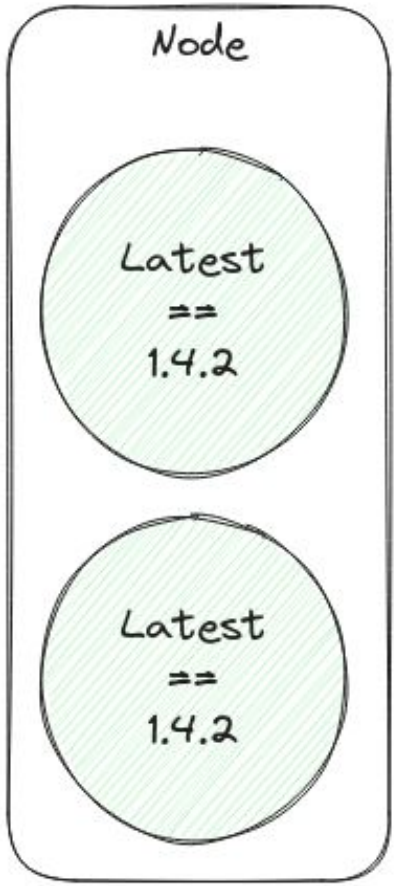

Experience as teacher

- StatefulSets vs Deployments.
- Startup, Ready, Live→ 3 probes, use them (wisely)!
- Node Eviction policies → use them, configure them!
- Watch etcd metrics like it's your baby!
- Don't rely on node backups → full gitops/automation
  - Really don't, you won't test them anyway :D
- If you have multiple regions/zone...
  - Scale so 1 region/zone can handle 80% of the full workload, lest you fail DR.
- Security is important, but there are cloud-native tools, your VM/bare-metal tool is NOT designed for Openshift.

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